

## **Appleby Archaeology**

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 Chestnut Close, Culgaith.

### Present

Richard Stevens	Chairman
Heather Edwards	Publicity
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor
Phyllis Rouston	Secretary
Mike Godfrey	Treasurer
Martin Railton	
Harry Hawkins	

### Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed a correct record.

### 1/02/08 Matters arising from the Notes

6/9/07 Conference:- the papers have been widely circulated to local libraries, secondary schools and organisations.

Problems in hearing the speakers were experienced by some delegates. Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a suitable system but it was agreed that the occasions on which it would be used did not merit the expenditure however an effective system should be hired for future conferences.

8/9/07 Transactions:-Harry had brought the copies to the February meeting and some had been borrowed.

### 2/02/08 Treasurer's Report

The accounts for 1<sup>st</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> February were tabled. The balance stands at £17818.02. Membership fees are still coming in.

Richard then tabled the final account for the Conference. The grant was £905 and the actual costs were £712.65 with a further £134 for preparation of conference papers and £44.08 on postage and telephone calls. The account will be sent to Awards for All.

### 3/02/08 Field Work / Research

Martin R advised that a number of people had visited the website to view the report of the Geophysical Surveys of the Druidical Judgement Seat and that he had been contacted by Steve Bulman who has offered to take aerial photographs of the site..

The committee agreed that the group should proceed with this project but in view of what had happened at Kirland, it was agreed that Martin R would ask the Golf Club for permission to excavate, and if given, would then prepare a protocol.

Harry agreed to approach the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeology Society for an application for funding.

Martin felt that there would be value in further geophysical studies in the surrounding area and that further instruction may be possible if funding is available.

### 4/02/08 Website

Martin R had spoken with Tony Liddel and had forwarded the costs of a web site to the

committee. Three options were suggested and Martin J advised that we should start with the basic package and increase as required. A number of questions were raised regarding the content, the site, access and the time that might be required to maintain the site. It was agreed that these points should be raised with Tony. Martin R agreed to set up a meeting at Nenthead for us to discuss the venture. Richard will contact Sally Orwell for possible funding.

#### **5/02/08 Summer Programme**

May 15th Thursday 7pm Evening walk to Ninekirks and Hornby Hall. Meet at small car park opposite Whinfell Park OS 558 289. Harry to contact possible guide and confirm date

June 15th Sunday 11am Visit to Vindolanda. Phyllis to prepare booking form for circulation in spring Newsletter. Admission fee to be sent at time of booking. Once response known a decision will be made about hiring a minibus.

July 6th Sunday 2pm Walk to Scordale Mine led by Frank Giecco. Meet at Town Head Hilton (the fell gate) OS737 207.

#### **6/02/08 Winter Programme 2008-2009**

Draft Programme

September 9th Local News/Update on Archaeology in Cumbria, Mark Brennan, Senior Historic Environment Officer Cumbria. Richard to contact and confirm.

October 14th Medieval Vernacular Buildings in the Eden Valley Peter Rider. Harry to contact and confirm.

November 11th Recent Viking Finds in Cumbria Dot Bruns. Confirmed,. Phyllis to contact her again in the autumn.

December 9th Forensic Archaeology Prof Charlotte Roberts. Harry to contact.

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January 13th Members Evening

February 10th Romans and the Locals Jamie Quartermaine Harry to contact

March 10th Historic Landscapes Jamie Lund Phyllis to contact

April 14th Recent Excavation of a Pottery in Lancaster Mat Town Martin R to contact

#### **7/02/08 Communications**

Eden Council for Voluntary Services:- Membership is up for renewal this spring.

CLHF:- Barbara Colley had contacted Phyllis regarding Heritage Open days 2008 .It was agreed that the group would not be able to contribute to this. Phyllis to contact her.+

Richard Brockington is the person responsible for keeping in contact with us.

CBA:- Information re National Archaeology Week and free insurance cover for members had been sent to Harry. It was agreed not to seek membership .

Lake District National Park Access to Archaeology Phyllis had received a series of leaflets Discovering the Past (available from TIC) from Lisa Keys and had subsequently spoken with her. She will keep us informed on any workshops.

Notices of events:- Phyllis is now receiving a number of such notices and is forwarding the information to those members that wish to be contacted by E mail.

Martin R tabled information on Archaeological Field Schools at Historic Dilston for the 2008 season, to be brought to members attention at next meeting and via E Mail.

**8/02/08 ANOB**

Conference 2009 Harry had been in contact with Angus Winchester and had sent his enthusiastic response to the committee. Everyone was in support of the idea and a date was set Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009. Harry will liaise with Angus. Phyllis will send an advance notice to CFLH so that the date is circulated among local groups

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.15.

**Date and time of next meeting NB change of day to Tuesday**

**Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm at White House Brampton**

PHR 22/2/08